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## Winning SU Executives, BoG rep announced as polls close

## GATEWAY NEWS STAFF

The campaign to lead next year's Students' Union ended with jubilation for some candidates Thursday night, and disappointment for others.

Newly elected Vice President (External) Aden Murphy redeemed himself for last year's defeat, receiving 2,781 votes, or 61 per cent, to take the portfolio in the third round.

"It was a very close race, a very close campaign. It would've been a lot easier if I didn't have to run against two guys I respect so much," Murphy said.

Jaiman Chin, a fellow candidate for the position, was disappointed with the result but took it in stride.

"You know, it doesn't matter what the outcome was, it doesn't matter what the percentage was, whether it was one per cent or 12 per cent, it's going to be hard to take," Chin said.

The other unsuccessful candidate Jon Mastel expressed confidence in Murphy's abilities.

"I believe Murphy's going to do a very good job; I'm happy he got elected. He's going to do a competent job and is the perfect man for this position," he said.

In the race for Vice President (Student Life), Rory Tighe narrowly claimed victory with 51 per cent in the first round.

"I'm pretty stoked. I'm excited. It was a really good campaign put up by both candidates and I'm honestly very happy with the results," Tighe said. "I think it shows that both races put out a very good campaign and I think it was great.

"I made a lot of promises; I better make sure that I can keep them this year, eh?"



SAM BROOKS

**ENTOURAGE** Newly elected Vice President (Academic) James Eastham celebrates with friends after learning of his victory.

Kayla McCarthy, the only other candidate for the Student Life portfolio said that both she and Tighe ran similarly strong campaigns.

"It's not surprising to me. Rory has an incredible support base and all in all it worked out fine. I'm not really heartbroken about it — life goes on. Me and Rory were both very strong candidates. We both had basically the same platforms," she said.

Tom L'Abbé and James Eastham competed for the position of Vice President (Academic). Eastham was named the winner, having garnered 52 per cent of votes in the first round.

"I'm really happy. It's a lot of pressure off me right now, and I mean all the best to Tom," Eastham stated. "This year's an important year, and I think

we've got a big fight ahead of us, but I think I'm ready for it."

"I wish James all the best and I hope he does an amazing job. I know that he will," L'Abbé said.

The position of Vice President (Operations and Finance) was the only uncontested race this year. Incumbent Zach Fentiman will resume his previous position, after garnering 81 per cent of the first-place votes after the first round.

"I'm excited to work with a new team, a different team," Fentiman said. "I'm happy that students are willing to see me back for another year to continue on the work that I started. For next year, I'll try to make sure the race is a contested one."

Sangram Hansra and Craig Turner

ran for the role of undergraduate Board of Governors Representative. Turner obtained 60 per cent of votes in the second round, facing electoral success after his defeat in the presidential race during last year's election.

"I'm excited. I'm really glad that my campaign resonated with students. That was my hope and I think students agreed that some of my ideas are what they're looking for," Turner said.

Hansra accepted the students' decision in the election.

"The students voted. So yeah, Craig will be a good representative for students, so congratulations to him," Hansra said.

The new Student's Union Executive will assume office on May 1, 2010.

## STREETERS election night

As you may be aware, the Millennium Villages referendum failed to pass.

## What cause would you collect funds from students for instead?

**Jay Ward**  
Democracy  
Technician**Leah Trueblood**  
Outgoing VP  
(Academic)**Kirsten Goruk**  
Deputy Returning  
Officer**Michael Janz**  
Foster Home for  
Old Hacks

"I would put in a Dedicated Fee Unit to fix the [Students' Union Building] elevators. One year's time, \$10 a person, that should cover it. The elevators in SUB are in dire need of repair."

"I would use the money to expand the VPA budget so that I could try and take [University Provost and Vice President (Academic)] Carl [Amrhein]'s job. I think if you had the SU VPA be the U of A VPA, it would really change the ball game up, switch it up a bit. There'd be a lot more talk about teaching — I'm just saying."

"I would create a DFU that would pay for the \$550 fee that the University is trying to charge students — paid for by the Administration. [So, a reverse DFU?] Yeah!"

"It'd go to build a mausoleum to memorialize Steven Dollansky, because it's time he left the Students' Union!"

## UofA votes 2010

## REFERENDUM RESULTS

Vote	Millennium Villages Referendum	PAW	U-Pass
MILLENNIUM VILLAGES	NO	PAW CENTRE	YES
3,398 votes received out of 6,070 votes cast (56%)		YES	
		3,180 votes received out of 6,070 votes cast (52%)	
			5,384 votes received out of 6,070 votes cast (89%)



# Dehod newly elected SU President

SEAN STEELS  
Senior News Editor

The race for Students’ Union President came to a close on Thursday with a decisive victory for Nick Dehod.

Only one round was needed to make a decision, with current SU Vice President (Student Life) Dehod garnering 61 per cent of ballots cast, pushing out his nearest contender, Vikram Seth, with 3,486 votes.

“A lot of people worked really hard on this election. It was really nice that we saw a lot of people coming forward. A lot of these races were really toughly contested, and that’s a positive thing for democracy on campus. I hope as a consequence, we see more people out running for these positions,” Dehod said shortly after his victory.

“I’m really excited to look forward and work with the other candidates.”

Seth and third-place candidate Adam Zepp trailed far behind in the first-round win, only earning 18 and 11 per cent of votes, respectively.

5,690 votes were cast in the presidential race, from a total of 6,080 ballots.

Despite increased allowances for social media by the Chief Returning Officer this year, voter turnout inched up only slightly, from 5,703 — an increase of only one per cent.

“Clearly, people wanted someone they were comfortable with, someone they knew to be part of next year’s executive, and Nick Dehod was that guy. I wish the best to him,” Zepp said. “A lot of volunteers put a lot of work into [my campaign], but ultimately the students



LONG FACES Candidates Zepp (left) and Seth didn’t get the results they hoped.

decided, and I have respect for them.”

Seth expressed surprise at his victory, but still lamented the chance to serve students in the coming year.

“I’m feeling all right. I’m happy that someone who is passionate about the Students’ Union will be an Executive,” he said. “You always hope for different developments, but in the end, I’m proud of the fact that I think I ran a good campaign. I ran on the idea that the SU still needs to change, and I would believe in that.”

President-elect Dehod also explained that the Students’ Union would tackle the coming school year with vigour.

“There’s a lot that we need to accomplish moving forward, and I’ll

work my hardest to make sure that I’m meeting their needs,” Dehod said. “But I also hope that they will help out with all of the things that need to be addressed this year, whether it’s becoming involved with Students’ Council or Faculty Associations or Residence Associations, because although we just had elections for these executive positions, when it comes to changes across campus, we deal with leaders across campus.

“I had a lot of people helping out with this campaign that were working hard around the clock, and honestly, it wouldn’t have happened without their help, so it’s really exciting, but the other guys worked really hard, too.”

# PAW, U-Pass Yes; Millennium Villages No

JONATHAN TAVES  
Deputy News Editor

The fate of three initiatives went to the hands of University of Alberta students in referenda during this year’s vote.

The proposal for a \$15-per-year Dedicated Fee Unit in support of the charitable Millennium Villages Project turned out to be the most controversial issue of the 2010 campaign.

Ultimately, students denied their support to the initiative, with 56 per cent voting against.

“There were a few large bodies on campus who probably voted against the fee [and they] defeated it, and I don’t think it’s representative of the majority of the student body,” remarked Mark McCormack, an organizer on the Millennium Villages Yes campaign. “We know who is maintaining the status quo and the status

quo needs to change [...] We’re sad and disappointed that students couldn’t see the amazing opportunity that was brought to them.”

Students voted with an 89 per cent majority to renew the U-Pass agreement for three more years, until the end of the 2013 winter term. The renewal passed with an even greater majority than when it was first implemented in 2007, with 84 per cent of the votes. The program will cost \$91 per term next year, \$104 in 2011/12, and \$116 in the final year.

“We were actually hoping for a little bit less [than 89 per cent] because it gives us a better bargaining position,” said Beverly Eastham, U-Pass Yes campaign manager. “But obviously students love the U-Pass. It’s good that a SU can provide something students find value in.”

The proposal for the Physical Activity

and Wellness Centre earned a narrow 52 per cent of student approval. The building, which will be constructed on the corner of 114 Street and 87 Avenue, will contain a larger fitness facility, in addition to other amenities such as a climbing wall, as well as classroom, meditative, and social space.

Construction is likely to begin in the spring of 2011 and students will begin paying a \$29-per-year fee once it opens in 2013. As part of the agreement, students will make up a majority voice on PAW’s directing committee.

“It’s been proven with this type of fee environment, where students are really feeling the pinch with the economy and number of additional fees, they saw value in the PAW Centre,” explained Steven Dollansky, the PAW Centre Yes campaign manager. “I’m incredibly happy. I think it’s going to be a tremendous addition to campus.”

## BY THE NUMBERS

A roundup of election stats

6,080 Total ballots cast

828 Ballots cast at official polling stations

5,252 Ballots cast elsewhere

21.5% Total voter turnout

33.13% Turnout from most-active faculty (Faculté Saint-Jean)

4.96% Turnout from least-active faculty (Augustana)

532 Votes cast during the elections busiest hour (10 a.m. Wednesday).

\$530 Cost of most expensive campaign (Aden Murphy)

\$313.<sup>03</sup> Cost of least expensive campaign (Thomas L’Abbé)

\$319.<sup>90</sup> Total cost of fines levied by the CRO

9 Number of CRO rulings




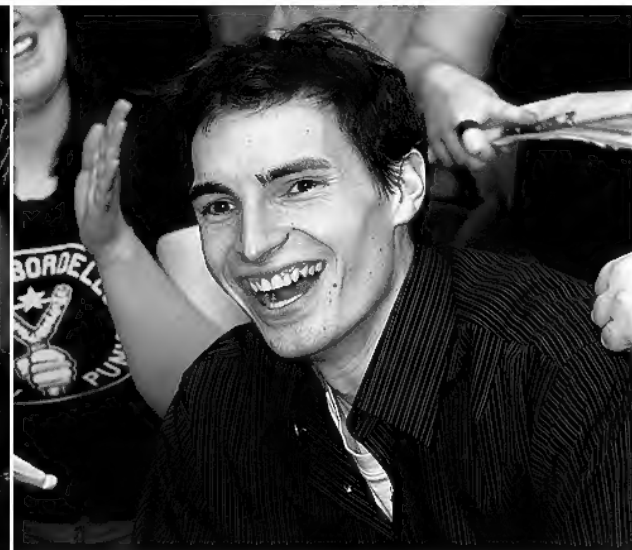
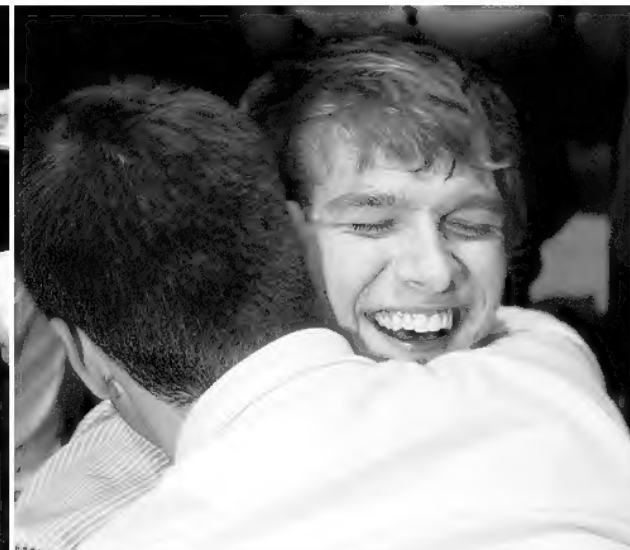

4 Number of CRO rulings involving Facebook

0 Number of rulings that were overturned

13 Number of Red Bull shots consumed by the Senior News Editor during the election campaign

60 Number of Twitter users following @democraseeds

Figures are accurate as of 4 March, 2010, and aren’t officially confirmed by the CRO

UofA votes2010			SU ELECTION RESULTS		
					
Nick Dehod PRESIDENT	James Eastham VP (ACADEMIC)	Zach Fentiman VP (OPS-FI)	Aden Murphy VP (EXTERNAL)	Rory Tighe VP (STUDENT LIFE)	Craig Turner BOARD OF GOVERNORS REP
VICTORY IN ONE ROUND 3,486 votes received out of 5,690 votes cast (61%)	VICTORY IN ONE ROUND 2,783 votes received out of 5,393 votes cast (52%)	VICTORY IN ONE ROUND 4,350 votes received out of 5,394 votes cast (81%)	VICTORY IN THREE ROUNDS 2,781 votes received out of 4,580 votes cast (61%)	VICTORY IN ONE ROUND 2,781 votes received out of 5,493 votes cast (51%)	VICTORY IN TWO ROUNDS 2,820 votes received out of 4,697 votes cast (60%)



# THANK YOU FROM THE ELECTIONS OFFICE

The 2010 Students' Union Executive and Undergraduate Board of Governors Election took place in a time period almost parallel to the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games, and the analogy seemed to be fitting. Candidates and sides came to the table with their various previous training and were ready to put it on display for all students to see. The past week and a half required perseverance, determination, and the ability to perform well under pressure. There were highs and lows and ups and downs, and in the end everyone emerged a little stronger.

To the voters, you defeated the apathy squid. You heard the issues and the platforms. You came to forums and asked questions. You voted, and we thank-you for that.

To the candidates and sides, you worked hard and engaged students. You stood up and deserve to be congratulated no matter what the results are.

To the outgoing SU Executive, thank-you for representing students this year, and good luck in your transition period with our new set of student leaders.

To the Students' Union staff who made this election run so smoothly behind-the-scenes, we thank-you for your patience. Additional thanks to the University of Alberta for allowing us to stick signs everywhere for a week and a half and for your cooperation with the campaign and the vote.

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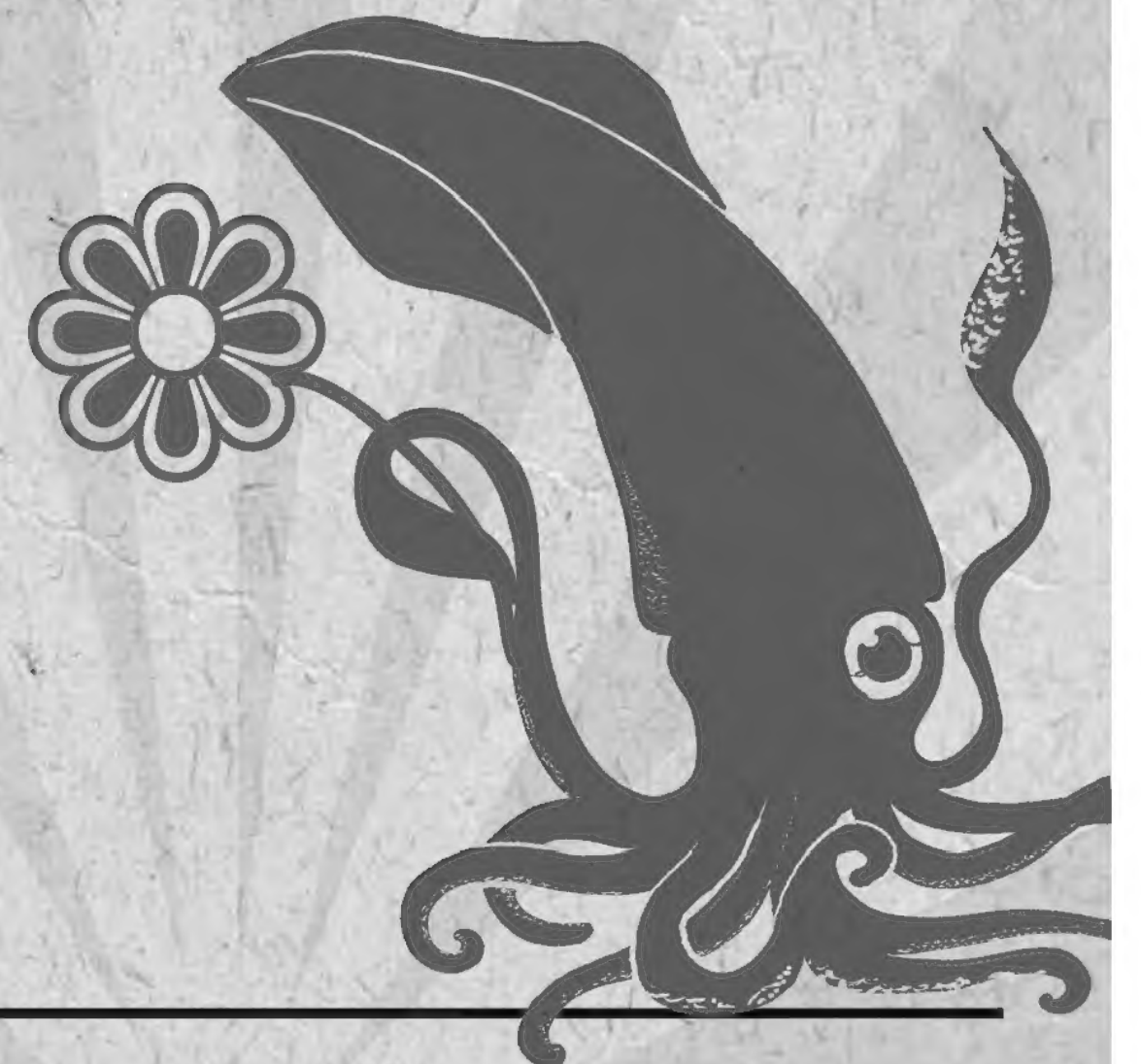
And finally, to my two Deputy Returning Officers (DROs) Kirsten Goruk and Vanessa Warren, without whom I surely wouldn't still be breathing today. Your hard work, long hours and dedication will not soon be forgotten. Further thanks to all the Poll Captains and Poll Clerks who joined us in the campaign period and on voting days.

All the best,  
*Jennifer Huygen*  
Chief Returning Officer

# THANK YOU TO THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

On behalf of the candidates and ourselves, we would like to thank Jennifer Huygen for all of her hard work on this election. Her leadership and dedication to ensuring that this election was run fairly and smoothly went above and beyond. This year's election was full of turbulence and high demand and their success thus far is a testament to Jennifer's willpower, endurance, and strength as a leader. It was an honor to work as her Deputy Returning Officers.

Sincerely,  
*Kirsten Goruk & Vanessa Warren*



# FACULTY COUNCILLOR ELECTION

**WE NEED YOU TO TAKE A SEAT! NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Students' Council is the highest governing body of the Students' Union. It consists of 38 voting members, including the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors Representative, and 32 faculty-specific representatives. Students' Council deals with matters affecting the Students' Union and undergraduate student body, such as the Health and Dental Plan, SUB renovations, and Beartracks upgrades.

### Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences

1 Students' Council Seat  
2 GFC Seats

### Arts

6 Students' Council Seats  
8 GFC Seats

### Augustana

1 Students' Council Seat  
1 GFC Seat

### Business

2 Students' Council Seats  
3 GFC Seats

### Education

3 Students' Council Seats  
4 GFC Seats

### Engineering

4 Students' Council Seats  
5 GFC Seats

### Law

1 Students' Council Seat  
1 GFC Seat

### Medicine & Dentistry

1 Students' Council Seat  
1 GFC Seat

## GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL (GFC)

General Faculties Council (GFC) is the legislative body of the University of Alberta that deals with all academic matters and student affairs issues. It is comprised of 152 members—40 of whom are students—and has overseen the development of the University's Academic Plan, the use of technology on campus, on the approval of the U of A budget process principles.

### Native Studies

1 Students' Council Seat  
1 GFC Seat

### Nursing

1 Students' Council Seat  
2 GFC Seats

### Open Studies

1 Students' Council Seat

### Physical Education & Recreation

1 Students' Council Seat  
1 GFC Seat

### Pharmacy

1 Students' Council Seat  
1 GFC Seat

### Faculté St. Jean

1 Students' Council Seat  
1 GFC Seat

### Science

7 Students' Council Seats  
9 GFC Seats

**Nomination Deadline: March 9<sup>th</sup> 17:00**

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